GRADUATING THIS YEAR?
If you are planning to graduate at the end of this Fall 2013 semester, the deadline to submit your Application to Graduate has passed. Please contact Carrie Priest immediately if you are in this situation. If you’re planning to graduate at the end of Spring 2014 or Summer 2014, the deadline to submit your Application to Graduate is November 15. Submission of this form will initiate a graduation audit, and you’ll receive an email confirmation of the remaining requirements for your program within 1-2 months. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Priest.

SPRING 2014 CLASS SCHEDULE IS UP!
Registration for the Spring 2014 semester is just around the corner (it begins Nov. 1). The Spring 2014 Class Schedule is now online! Take a look, plan ahead, and contact your academic advisor if you have any questions.

CELEBRATING DONELYN - OCT. 12!
The Marital and Family Therapy program opened in the fall of 1993 at the San Jose campus. Donelyn Miller was among one of the professors that Dr. David Eckman hired for that first fall quarter to teach Interpersonal Communications (now called Clinical Foundations). Twenty years later she is still going strong, teaching the Clinical Foundations and Child and Adolescent Therapy courses for the MFT department. Aside from Dr. Norm Thiesen, Donelyn is one of the original professors remaining since the MFT program was launched in San Jose. Donelyn has trained hundreds of students about the foundations of counseling and communication skills, child and adolescent therapy, and the art of empathy.

Current students, faculty and staff: We want to celebrate her excellence in teaching, her faithfulness to the Western Seminary community, and the impact she’s had on students’ lives and their professional careers. Please save the date for Saturday, October 12th and plan to come be part of a special celebration. We will celebrate Donelyn Miller’s 20 years of teaching from 12:00pm-1:00pm. Lunch (and cake!) will be provided. This will also be a time for the Western Seminary community to gather and enjoy each other’s company.

LOW COST DSM 5 TRAINING
Western Seminary will have Dr. David Wenzel lead a training on the DSM 5 Changes and Updates on Friday, October 25th from 9am-4pm. More information can be found on the Registration page. Students and faculty can use the current student code – STUDENT – to get a 50% discount on the $99 price. This means that you pay only $49.50 for this six-hour training on the DSM changes. All you would have to do is use the code STUDENT on the registration page and you get this price.

NEW VENDING MACHINES
New vending machines were recently installed in the lounge area. These snack
machines replace those provided by our previous vendor, which deemed our sales volume too low and thus removed the machines in June. We were able to locate a new vendor that is willing to test our volume and hopes to come up with a successful formula of stocking the right drinks and snacks and achieving consistent sales of these items. The vendor is interested in hearing from you regarding product suggestions for the snack machine as they endeavor to stock the machines with the most popular products. Please pass along your suggestions to Dan Ruiz. Please use subject name, “vending machine,” in your email response.

MINISTRY AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
We receive regular contact from churches and para-church organizations. Please see the Ministry and Employment Opportunities and Counseling binders in the front lobby for more information about the recent posting below (and previous listings).

Youth Ministry Assistant (10 hrs./wk.)
Sturge Presbyterian Church in San Mateo
Contact (650) 344-6803

We would like to notify all Western students and alumni of our upcoming 2014 Israel trip. This is a three week study trip in cooperation with the Jerusalem University College wherein you travel for three weeks in the Land of the Bible. As you visit the sites where Jesus walked, you will be taught the historical geography by Dr. J. Carl Laney, Professor of Biblical Literature at the Portland campus. This is a 4 credit class that can be applied to a degree here at Western. This is a trip that you will never forget. Jerome called the land of Israel the 5th gospel.

The trip dates are May 18 – June 8, 2014. You do not want to miss this opportunity. Ask any student who has been on this trip and he/she will tell you that it is an unforgettable experience that has richly benefitted them in their understanding of the Scriptures. Besides Dr. J. Carl Laney and Dr. Jan Verbruggen, Dr. Ron Marrs (all professors at the Portland campus) will also be involved in various aspects of the learning experience.

This trip will cost around $4800 (exact pricing might vary based on the cost of the ticket and will be available in 2013), but will include airfare, tuition, local transportation, lodging, and all the food. What is not included? Souvenirs, refreshment snacks, and any Dead Sea scrolls you might want to purchase. So, start saving your shekels.

This will be the 12th trip that Western has been involved in while working together with the Jerusalem University College (JUC). JUC is located just outside of the Zion’s and Jaffa gate, with easy access to the old city. Every two years, between 30-40 students have had the privilege of going on this trip. More information and applications can be acquired from Dr. Laney or Dr. Verbruggen, but for general info just e-mail Jan at jverbruggen@westernseminary.edu.

The deadline for the application and the first check of $1000 is October 15th.

For more info, click here: Study Tour in Israel.